

Legal Notice
Public Hearing
and
State Plant Board Special Called Meeting

The Arkansas State Plant Board will meet at **3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at the Arkansas Northeastern College/Burdette Center, in the Student Center, Hwy. 148 & Interstate 55, Burdette, AR 72321.**

1. Public Hearing on proposed rules for the Northeast Delta Zone of Arkansas for Boll Weevil Eradication in 2004.

The proposed rule will serve as the guide for administering the Boll Weevil Eradication program in the NED zone of Arkansas.

The Northeast Delta eradication zone is geographically described as all of Mississippi county and the portion of Craighead county that lies east of the St. Francis River.

The rule will establish an assessment for crop year 2204 of \$14.00 per acre for each acre planted in cotton production. That assessment is to be shared by the producer of the cotton and the landlord according to the rental agreement and crop share percentages they have registered with the county Farm Service Agency (FSA). The rule establishes the time frame for submitting assessment payment.

Payment schedules, prescribed procedures and applicable documentation are set forth and/or eliminated from the program, compared to other eradication zones, due to the timing experienced by the program in the Northeast Zone. Several penalties (late filing of intended acreage report, certified acreage reporting errors, late payment of balance of assessment and ginners penalty) that are in effect in other zones are eliminated from the current regulations in this zone.

A complete draft of the proposed changes can be found on the Plant Board Web Page at: www.plantboard.org or a copy of the draft can be obtained by calling the Plant Board at 501-225-1598, or Fax at 501-225-3590.

2. Other business

Board meetings are open to the public. If you wish to submit a comment on the above mentioned public hearing, please send written comments to the Arkansas State Plant Board, PO Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203, or you may e-mail comments to bollweevilcomments@aspb.ar.gov **COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 7, 2004.** Oral comments may be made at the public hearing. For further information concerning the meeting, contact Darryl Little, Director, at 501-225-1598.

Darryl Little, Director